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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings, made several objections to the specification, objected to the claims and further rejected Claims 8 and 9 and 30-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner did, however, indicate that the subject matter of Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 12-21, and 25-29 was allowed and further indicated that the subject matter of Claim 7, 22-24 and 32-40 was directed towards allowable subject matter. By this paper, the Applicant has amended the specification and claims of the application in order to address the objections and concerns noted by the Examiner. Hence, reconsideration of the above-captioned application in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein is now respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to show each of the features specified by the claims. The Examiner specifically indicated that the piston, solenoid components, hydraulic components, and the pneumatic components of Claims 11, 17, 31 and 40 were not illustrated in the drawings. The Applicant respectfully disagrees in that an actuating mechanism 550 with an associated armature, such as a piston 554, is shown in Figures 9D and 9E as originally filed. The illustration is rather schematic, however, it is shown to have an exterior housing 552 and an armature 554 which is described beginning in paragraph 91 and extending through paragraph 92 as comprising a piston which can be solenoid activated, hydraulic activated or pneumatically activated. The Applicant believes that a schematic illustration of the type shown in Figures 9D and 9E are ample to schematically illustrate the actuation mechanism that is described in the specification as potentially comprising one of a plurality of different types of piston-type mechanisms, including pneumatic, hydraulic or solenoid driven. The applicant therefore believes that the drawings adequately illustrate the subject matter of Claims 11, 17 and 31 within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the subject matter of Claim 39 as not being shown or illustrated and, by this paper, the Applicant has canceled Claim 39. The Applicant therefore believes that there is no need for any amendments to the drawings in order to illustrate the subject matter indicated by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also noted various clerical inconsistencies in the Specification and the Applicant has corrected these clerical inconsistencies in the manner

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suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant has also noted other clerical inconsistencies in the specification and is further correcting those in this paper. Further, the Examiner also objected to various informalities in the claims and the Applicant has amended the claims to incorporate the suggestions made by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also rejected Claims 8-9 and 30-40 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. With respect to Claims 8 and 9, the Applicant has removed the reference to the third level, and has indicated that the moveable floor section in the second orientation allows for the slide-out to be deployed and also to be retracted so as to be moveable between the first and the second levels. The Applicant believes that this amendment clarifies these particular claims within 35 U.S.C. § 112.

With respect to Claims 30-40, the Applicant has amended these claims in order to provide antecedent support for the terms noted by the Examiner.

By this paper, the Applicant believes that the various inconsistencies noted by the Examiner have been corrected and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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